

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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| In re Patent Application of      | ) | <b>MAIL STOP RCE</b>      |
| Hiroshima FUJIMARU et al.        | ) |                           |
| Application No.: 10/581,343      | ) | Group Art Unit: 1762      |
| Filed: June 2, 2006              | ) | Examiner: Satya B. SASTRI |
| For: PARTICULATE WATER RETAINING | ) | Confirmation No.: 5041    |
| MATERIAL FOR CULTIVATING         | ) |                           |
| PLANT HAVING WATER               | ) |                           |
| ABSORBENT RESIN AS MAIN          | ) |                           |
| COMPONENT                        | ) |                           |

REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)  
TRANSMITTALCommissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Applicants request continued examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

1. ☐ a. Applicants request that any previously unentered after final amendments **not** be entered. Continued examination is requested based on the enclosed documents identified in item 1.c. below.
- ☐ b. Applicants previously submitted the following document for which continued examination is requested:
- ☐ i. Consider the response previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_.
- ☐ ii. Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_.
- ☐ iii. Other: \_\_\_\_\_
- ☒ c. The following documents are enclosed with this submission:
- ☒ i. Amendment/Reply ☐ iv. Petition for Extension of Time
- ☐ ii. Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s) ☐ v. Other:
- ☐ iii. Information Disclosure Statement

2. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed three months. **Fee under 37 CFR § 1.17(i) required.**)
3. ☒ **The RCE fee under 37 CFR § 1.17(e) is required by 37 CFR § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.** The fee is calculated below on the basis of the highest number of claims previously paid for in this application prior to this submission.

|  |                      |  |                     |              | FEES          |
|--|----------------------|--|---------------------|--------------|---------------|
| <b>RCE Fee (1801)</b>  |                      |  |                     |              | <b>\$ 930</b> |
|  | <b>No. of Claims</b> | <b>Highest No. of Claims Previously Paid For</b> | <b>Extra Claims</b> | <b>Rate</b>  |               |
| Total Claims   | 23                   | 22   | 1                   | x60 (1202)   | \$ 60         |
| Independent Claims   | 6                    | 6  | 0                   | x 250 (1201) | \$ 0          |
| <b>Total Fee</b>   |                      |  |                     |              | <b>\$ 990</b> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Small Entity Status claimed - subtract 50% of Total Application Fee |                      |  |                     |              | \$ - 0        |
| <b>TOTAL APPLICATION FEE DUE</b>   |                      |  |                     |              | <b>\$ 990</b> |


4. ☐ Charge \_\_\_\_\_ to Deposit Account No. **02-4800** for the fee due.
5. ☒ Charge **\$ 990** to credit card for the fee due.
6. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge any appropriate fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17 and 1.21 that may be required by this paper, and to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 02-4800.

Respectfully submitted,

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Date: January 10, 2012

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